Keeping in Touch

News and notes from
the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches

July 1993

General Conference Unites All Nations

People from 17 nations — the broadest international representation ever — will attend General Conference this month to celebrate UFMCC's 25th anniversary.

"This is a first for us," said Rev. Troy Perry, UFMCC founder and moderator. "I'm excited because never before have we had representatives from *every* country with a Metropolitan Community Church." The conference will run July 18-25 in Phoenix, AZ.

Special efforts will be made at this conference to ensure that a broad spectrum of voices are heard. Each business meeting will open and close with "Voices of the People," a two-minute testimony on why the speaker joined UFMCC.

National/regional meetings are also being introduced at this General Conference. They will be held from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, July 20. These meetings and their coordinators are: Australia, Rev. Greg Smith; Canada, Ms. Lydia Segal; Europe, Rev. Hong Tan; Spanish-speaking regions of World Church Extension, Rev. Tomas Garcia; other regions of World Church Extension, Rev. Elder Jean White; and United States, Rev. Perry.

The U.S. national meeting will feature Mr. David Mixner, advisor to President Bill Clinton. Mr. Mixner, a renowned gay activist, has been involved in public life, policy and business for nearly 30 years. He has affirmed UFMCC in his speeches around the country, recalling that the first time he was ever in a room with another openly gay or lesbian person was in 1976 when he attended an MCC service and received communion from Rev. Perry.

History Exhibit

A special exhibit on UFMCC's first quarter century will be featured at this General Conference. "I have dreamed for years about creating an exhibit like this," Rev. Perry said. "Freda Smith and I tried to do it at the 20th anniversary, but we could not pull it off. At last, UFMCC has an exhibit that highlights the accomplishments of our first 25 years."

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Samaritan College Thrives in Europe

Samaritan College in Europe made May a month of high-profile activity.

On May 1, the third principal, Rev. Paul Whiting, was installed at Manchester City Hall. The ceremony, attended by many of the college faculty plus 40 friends and local MCCers, was the first such occasion in Samaritan's European history.

Rev. Bob Jones (Board of Studies and Faculty) opened the proceedings by reading greetings, including a letter from Rev. Elder Jean White on behalf of the Board of Elders; and from Rev. John Cullen, director of clergy training for the Anglican Diocese of Winchester, and long-time friend of Rev. Whiting. Prayers were led by Rev. Roy Beaney (tutor and team pastor, MCC Whosoever, Brighton & Hove) and Mr. Ian Armstrong (MCC Manchester Pastoral Team).

The faculty and platform party at the installation of Rev. Paul Whiting as principal of Samaritan College in Europe included, from left: Front, Rev. Beaney, Mr. Armstrong, Rev. Whiting, Rev. Jones, Mr. Moffatt, Ms. Eggleston, Ms. Lancaster and Mr. Bell-Montgomerie. Back: J. McManus and K. Roger.

Ms. Cecilia Eggleston (chair of the Board of Trustees) then addressed the congregation before charging the principal with the responsibilities of Samaritan Education in Europe. Mr. Michael Moffatt (Board of Studies) and Ms. Joanne Lancaster (MCC Manchester Pastoral Team) led the prayers of blessing for the principal, following which Rev. Whiting was presented with a gown of office.

In his response, Rev. Whiting spoke of his own spiritual journey that had led him to this moment, and how he was seeking to bring his experience as pastor, business manager, outreach worker and European negotiator to the college. Rev. Whiting was the founder and national coordinator of Outreach Ministries, a special work for establishing MCC congregations in the UK; and also international board member, and latterly Co-President of the European Forum for Lesbian and Gay Christian Groups (1984-92). He has also served pastoral teams in MCC North London, MCC London, and since 1990 MCC Manchester, where he continues as senior pastor. Rev. Whiting was formerly a minister with the Assemblies of God.

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Florida Rallies for Lesbian and Gay Freedom

More than 1,700 people turned out on a rainy night to celebrate lesbian and gay freedom at UFMCC's Freedom Rally on May 29 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

"The service was absolutely spectacular and we were inundated with press," said Rev. Troy Perry, UFMCC founder and moderator, who was the keynote speaker at the rally. Sunshine Cathedral MCC in Ft. Lauderdale played a primary role in organizing the rally in cooperation with all six other MCCs in southern Florida. Rev. Grant Ford, pastor of Sunshine Cathedral MCC, planned the program and served as master of ceremonies. Mr. Gus Kein, associate pastor, assisted in planning.

"The rally began with a rousing rendition of the U.S. national anthem sung by a mass choir of 100 voices," said Rev. Elder Don Eastman, UFMCC's international coordinator of rallies. "As the anthem reached its conclusion, a massive U.S. flag rose behind the choir, spreading the full width of the stage until it covered the whole stage behind the choir, top to bottom and side to side. The crowd went ballistic!"

The rainbow flag of the lesbian and gay community is presented with the U.S. flag at the rally in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

When Rev. Perry was introduced later, the rainbow flag symbolizing the lesbian and gay community was unfurled.

"Thank you for helping us reclaim the flag and our faith as a community," Ms. Sue Mersenger of Floridians United Against Discrimination wrote afterward.

Rev. Perry announced at the rally that next year, because of the referendum drive by the right wing, he plans to conduct four more rallies to cover the whole state of Florida.

Rev. Eastman said the rally was energized by recent political events, especially the March on Washington and the effort to lift the ban on gays and lesbians in the U.S. military.

"I can't remember a time of such anger, passion and resolve to assert our identity and assure our freedom since 1977 when the gay and lesbian community rallied in opposition to Anita Bryant," Rev. Eastman said. "The rally was an absolute reflection of this intensity. There was an immense release of energy. It is our goal as people of the UFMCC to channel that energy and provide leadership in the fight against the bigotry of the religious right. I think that what we do in Florida is the most exemplary way in which UFMCC can challenge the current resurgence of the vicious tactics of the religious right to persecute gay men and lesbians. We can be a catalyst and an inspiration."

Major articles about UFMCC and the rally appeared in many publications, including the *Miami Herald*, which said that Rev. Perry, "a burly, bearded 6-foot-2 bruiser of a man raised by no-nonsense Christians...is not about to sit on the sidelines and watch his home state fall to a national effort — as he sees it — to deny homosexuals their civil rights." ❐

General Council Seeks Input On Tithe Policy

The General Council invites UFMCC members to give their input on how the following policies might affect them. The motion below has been passed by the General Council as a First Reading, and will be submitted for final adoption as a Second Reading at the next Council meeting. Please submit any written responses to the Clerk of the General Council through the International Headquarters by Sept. 15, 1993.

MOVED that the policies on late tithes and pension payments found in sections 102.a, 102.b, and E.1500.A be replaced with the following:

"B.102. Late Tithes (replace current 102.a and 102.b with the following):

"When a local congregation is two months in arrears on their UFMCC/District tithes, the Fellowship Treasurer will notify by letter the Board of Directors of that church, with copies sent to the pastor/pastoral leader, the lay delegate(s), and the District Coordinator of the district of that church.

"It is then the responsibility of the District Coordinator to initiate a dialogue with the pastor/pastoral leader, the Board of Directors, and lay delegate(s) of that local congregation in order to address the reason(s) for the congregation being in arrears, whether it be financial difficulties, a sense of alienation from the wider MCC, etc. The District Coordinator may serve as a resource to the congregation in working through the problem or refer the congregation to other resources.

"If the local congregation is not able to pay past due tithes within 30 days, the District Coordinator will assist the Board of Directors in working out a written mutual agreement with the Fellowship Treasurer for paying current tithes on time and

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making regularly scheduled payments on past due tithes.

"If the Board of Directors, pastor/pastoral leader, and/or the congregation are unwilling to work out a written mutual agreement with the Fellowship Treasurer, the matter is referred to the District Committee. The District Committee has a range of possible actions it may take in interacting with a local congregation that refuses to honor its financial responsibilities to the UFMCC. It may decide that further dialogue with the local congregation is needed in order to remedy misunderstanding or miscommunication, or it may determine that more drastic action is needed. Such actions may include one or more of the following:

"1) Recommend to the General Council that Article V.B.5. be invoked to deny voting for lay delegate(s) and Senior Pastor at that church at District and General Conference.

"2) Bringing charges, if warranted, against the pastor of that church for disloyalty;

"3) Removing from office the pastor/pastoral leader of a new work.

"4) Removing from office one or more members of the Board of Directors of a new work;

"5) Rescinding approval for the pastor/pastoral leader of a commissioned church, thereby removing that person from office.

"6) Dissolving a new work.

"7) Request General Council withdraw approval of commissioned church status from a church.

"8) Recommending to the General Council that the charter of a church be revoked."

E.1500.A. Board of Pensions: Replace the current E.1500.A with the following:

"When a local congregation in the U.S.A. is one quarter in arrears on its assessments to the Board of Pensions USA, that Board will notify by letter the Board of Directors of that

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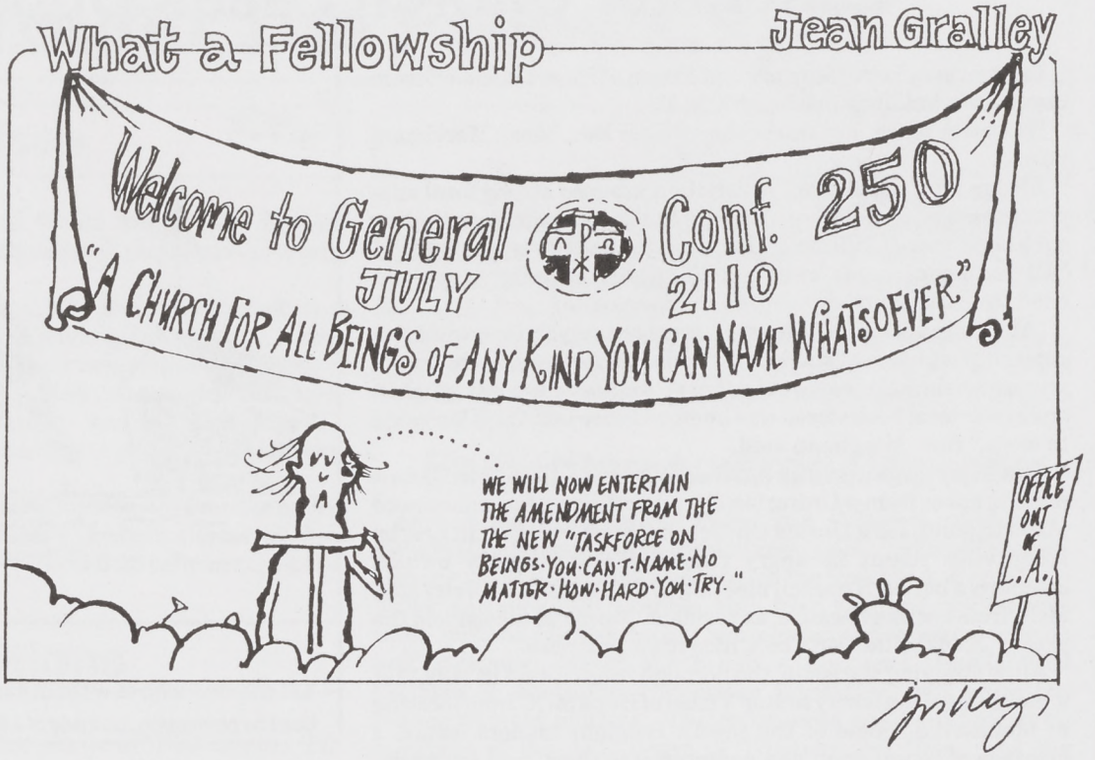
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Two New District Coordinators Named

Two new district coordinators were named in May: Rev. Bob Arthur in the Mid-Central District and Rev. Scott Phipps in the Northwest District.

Both said they plan to make improved communication their major goal as district coordinator.

"My primary goal is to make sure there is good communication," said Rev. Arthur. In addition, he plans to create a resource center "so people don't have to reinvent the wheel every time they do something" and to plant new works, especially in the two Mid-Central District states with no MCCs, Wyoming and North Dakota.

He will locate the district office in Omaha, NE, the geographic center of the district and his former home. "I entered MCC in 1974 as a charter member of Omaha MCC and was their second pastor for three years. It's like going full circle," he said.

After leaving Omaha, Rev. Arthur held many positions in UFMCC, including serving twice before as district coordinator in the Southwest District (1977-83) and European North Sea District (1984-90). He was on staff at the International Headquarters and Samaritan College in 1990-92, then went to MCC Albuquerque, NM, as interim pastor.

Rev. Phipps was named to a one-year term as Northwest District Coordinator. "I see a lot of communication needs. It's been very clear at conferences that people need to be heard," he said. His goal is to foster better communication while working with members of the district to develop a five-year plan.

Rev. Phipps' first UFMCC experience was joining Good Shepherd Parish MCC, Chicago, IL, in 1978. He earned a Bachelor's degree in communications/mass media from the University of Illinois in 1984 and a Master of Divinity degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1988. Before becoming district coordinator, he served as associate pastor of MCC in the Redwoods in Marin County, CA; district treasurer and worship coordinator of district conference.

A member of Diablo Valley MCC, Concord, CA, he plans to have the Northwest District office remain in Sacramento, CA, while he works out of his home in Petaluma, CA. ❐

Military Women Honored

The Women in Military Service Memorial is seeking the names, addresses, photos and memorable experiences of all U.S. service women.

Construction begins in December in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC, for the memorial, which is designed to honor the more than 1.8 million women who have served or are serving in the U.S. armed forces since the American Revolution.

Ms. Sharon Parker of MCC Los Angeles, CA, is a field representative for the memorial. Interested people may contact her at MCC-LA or call (800) 472-5883. ❐

Lancaster Church Faces Opposition

Controversy is swirling around Vision of Hope MCC's effort to purchase a building in Mountville, PA.

"It's been tense, but miraculous!" said Rev. Mary Merriman, pastor.

Strong local opposition, which then aroused strong local support, resulted in massive coverage in the local press, including such headlines as "Vision of Hope is not a true Christian church," "All the homosexuals want is a Mountville church," and "Sickened by criticism of gay church in Mountville."

"At first glance, it might seem scary but as you look within — especially at some of the letters to the editor — there has been an overwhelming measure of support, unlike two years ago when one of our local bookstores was bombed twice and the Klan came to town," Rev. Merriman said.

The story began in April, when Vision of Hope MCC, now renting space from a Unitarian church in Lancaster, announced plans to purchase a United Church of Christ building in nearby Mountville. About 25 angry residents and property owners attended a borough council meeting to demand that the city stop MCC from coming because, as resident Connie Mancuso told the press, "Mountville won't be a nice town anymore."

After studying the issue, the borough council said in May that it has no legal authority to stop Vision of Hope MCC from locating in Mountville. Some of the town's religious leaders issued a message of compassion and acceptance to their local congregations, and neighbors directly surrounding the church said they had no qualms as long as there were no public displays of affection on Mountville sidewalks.

At the next borough council meeting, nearly 100 people crammed into the hall to debate the subject. Rev. Merriman made a statement in which she quoted Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.: "Either we live together as brothers and sisters or we die together as fools."

'Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone.' John 8:7

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Neighbors who once held a prayer service for Vision of Hope's "deliverance" are now joining the church in an educational effort to address the myths surrounding lesbian and gay people. Vision of Hope has held discussions with three of the five churches in Mountville and the executive director of the county council of churches wants to meet with Rev. Merriman about a dialogue.

The deadline for closing of escrow on the property is July 28, and Vision of Hope MCC has scheduled its first worship service in Mountville for Aug. 22. ❐

Samaritan College

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He said that Samaritan College was here to help people on their journey, and suggested reasons why Samaritan College was essential to the future of MCC. "It is essential to build our own platform of learning and maturity to enable us 'to drink from the pure waters within ourselves,' rather than buying into a system of oppression for the sake of status and credibility." Secondly, "Samaritan College is in the business of producing crops, and the key to growth in MCC is in the training and support of leaders." Thirdly, "Samaritan College is MCC's door to Europe; and as resources enable us to produce materials in German, French, Italian and Spanish, so openings for MCC to become established will grow."

During May, Rev. Whiting, supported by Rev. Jones, Ms. Eggleston and Rev. Beaney, took the College "on the road," conducting presentations of the new academic programme "The Way Ahead" in Manchester, London, Bournemouth and Hamburg; followed by sharing in Samaritan Sunday services in many churches throughout the European North Sea District.

From September 1993 SCE will be introducing a Diploma in Ministries Course, plus three Certificate Courses of Advanced Study. In April the college office relocated to Manchester, where the Stevie Lindic Memorial Library is also based. Samaritan College librarian Mr. David Bell-Montgomerie co-ordinates the literary resources; Rev. Margaret Simpson is correspondence course co-ordinator, and the faculty increased to 10 members.❐

HIV Prevention Planned

Rev. Elder Don Eastman, executive director of UFMCC AIDS Ministry, met with about a dozen U.S. religious leaders to discuss prevention of HIV in people under 25.

The meeting, held May 17 in Washington, D.C., was sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National AIDS Information and Education Program.

The CDC called the meeting to discuss its new health communications/prevention marketing program to convince and assist young people to reduce or eliminate sexual HIV risk behaviors and to assure a social norm supportive of such action.

Rev. Eastman was the only person identified as gay in the group, which included representatives of the United Methodists, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Salvation Army, Assemblies of God, Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Congress of National Black Churches.

"My suggestion that homophobia was a major barrier for prevention education targetting young gay males was met with responses ranging from ambivalence to avoidance," Rev. Eastman said. "Moreover, the influence of the religious right, which had the ear (and a good deal of the money) of the CDC during the previous 12 years, and is very sophisticated in sanitizing and advancing its own agenda, was palpable in this meeting." ❐

Around The Fellowship

Praises

Rev. Paul Turner, pastor of **Good Samaritan Parish MCC**, Toledo, OH, reports that the church purchased property at 720 W. Delaware on May 27.

Rev. Chris Pasinski of Racine, WI, is now classified as a National Certified Counselor after passing certification exams and completing 3,000 hours of clinical supervised counseling.

Through a special accelerated review process due to health considerations, **Rev. Larry Dunlap** was ordained May 18 outdoors near his home in Sacramento, CA with Rev. Troy Perry officiating.

UFMCC received a major donation recently to cover the entire downpayment on Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City, NY, site of UFMCC's Stonewall 25 rally next year on June 25. ❐

Transitions

Rev. Ken Martin was elected co-pastor of **MCC Austin**, TX, at the request of the pastor, **Rev. Wendy Foxworth**. He assumes his new position Aug. 1.

Christ's Temple MCC, Corpus Christi, TX, installed Pastor **Sherry Hilliard** May 23.

Mr. David Regnaud has become interim pastor of **MCC Las Vegas**, NV.

Dr. Joseph Picarri has become interim pastor of **Divine Redeemer MCC**, Glendale, CA.

The following pastors resigned recently: **Rev. Lee Carlton, Holy Cross MCC, Pensacola, FL; Rev. Larry Whitsell, Diablo Valley MCC, Concord, CA; Rev. Stan Harris, Divine Redeemer MCC, Glendale, CA.** ❐

Prayers

May **General Conference XVI** truly be a celebration of UFMCC's first quarter century and a time of discernment about how UFMCC can more fully embody Christ's good news "for all the nations" in the future.

River City Living MCC, San Antonio, TX, voted not to be in compliance with UFMCC bylaws, and thus the action of the UFMCC General Council to disband that congregation became effective May 16. ❐

Samaritan Awards Degrees

One of the highlights of Samaritan College's presence at General Conference will be the awarding of Bachelor of Theology degrees to international students for the first time. Rev. David Miller and Rev. Neil Thomas, both from England, will receive these historic degrees during commencement ceremonies to be held on Sunday, July 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel. Dean Clifford Connors of Australian Samaritan Education, will bring the commencement address. The ceremonies will be attended by members of the ASE Board of Trustees and Dean, and the Samaritan College Board of Trustees and Dean.

Samaritan will also host a series of meetings to introduce college boards, deans, principals and volunteers to each other to discuss strategies affecting the school's mission, dialogue on international structure, and cross-accreditation. ❐

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church, with copies sent to the pastor/pastoral leader, the lay delegate(s), and the District Coordinator of the district of that church.

"The District process for interacting with a local church in arrears on its pension payments is the same as for late tithes."❐

Top 20 Tithes - May 1993

1.	Cathedral of Hope MCC, Dallas, TX	US $	5,928.38
2.	Sunshine Cathedral MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL		3,532.25
3.	MCC Washington, Washington, DC		3,315.30
4.	MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX		2,517.33
5.	MCC Toronto, Ontario, Canada	CAN$	1,913.19
6.	MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA		1,906.44
7.	MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA		1,825.26
8.	King of Peace MCC, St. Petersburg, FL		1,687.72
9.	MCC Los Angeles, Culver City, CA		1,622.80
10.	St. Luke's MCC, Jacksonville, FL		1,438.65
11.	MCC Tampa, Tampa, FL		1,102.15
12.	MCC New York, New York, NY		1,089.97
13.	MCC of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, MO		1,078.72
14.	Church of Our Savior MCC, Boca Raton, FL		1,055.90
15.	Agape' MCC, Ft. Worth, TX		939.62
16.	Harvest MCC, Denton, TX		834.09
17.	MCC Richmond, Richmond, VA		814.92
18.	MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO		790.54
19.	Maranatha Fellowship MCC, Houston, TX		743.43
20.	MCC Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM		718.75

{These figures reflect the 10 percent of each local church's monthly income that is reported to Fellowship headquarters.}

Top 20 Per Capita - May 1993

1.	MCC Pueblo, Pueblo, CO	US $	35.41
2.	MCC Silverlake, Los Angeles, CA		32.57
3.	MCC/Gentle Shepherd, Vancouver, BC	CAN$	32.47
4.	Maranatha Fellowship MCC, Houston, TX		31.91
5.	MCC of the Disciples, Washington, DC		27.04
6.	Ke Anuenue MCC/Rainbow of Love, Honolulu, HI		25.57
7.	SisterSpirit, Portland, OR		24.70
8.	Open Door MCC, Boyds, MD		22.63
9.	Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA		21.79
10.	MCC of the Blue Ridge, Roanoke, VA		21.76
11.	MCC Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM		21.65
12.	Faith Eternal MCC, Springfield, IL		21.43
13.	Lavendar Road MCC, Santa Cruz, CA		20.82
14.	MCC Family in Christ, Ft. Collins, CO		20.27
15.	MCC Living Spring, Eureka Springs, AR		20.25
16.	MCC Johnson County, Lenexa, KS		19.50
17.	MCC of Greater Hayward, San Lorenzo, CA		18.77
18.	Harvest MCC, Denton, TX		18.25
19.	MCC New York, New York, NY		18.23
20.	MCC Hartford, Hartford, CT		18.10

{These figures reflect average individual weekly offerings to the local church.}

Mr. David Mixner, right, with President Bill Clinton.
Photo by Barry E. Levine Inc.

General Conference

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A cross and chalice form the centerpiece of the exhibit. Both were used at the first MCC worship service on Oct. 6, 1968. The cross survived the 1973 fire at MCC Los Angeles, CA. Historical highlights will be recorded on a timeline, and conference-goers will be invited to participate by adding to the timeline. The exhibit was organized by Ms. Nancy Seaton, a professional conservator and MCC Los Angeles member who is volunteering her time as an archivist for the Fellowship.

Meal Events

In addition to the headline speakers at General Conference, a wide variety of dynamic leaders will be featured at five meal events during General Conference. Advance ticket purchase is required for these meals. Tickets, priced at $15 for breakfast and $20 for lunch, will be available on-site.

The speaker for the AIDS Ministry luncheon on Friday, July 23, is Rev. Ken South, executive director of the AIDS National Interfaith Network (USA). He was formerly the executive director of Aid Atlanta, a community-based AIDS service organization. An ordained clergy in the United Church of Christ, Rev. South is also a member of MCC Washington, DC. Other meal events are:

▼ Women's Secretariat Luncheon, Tuesday, July 20, honoring Mrs. Philomena Maduka of MCC in Nigeria.

▼ Department of People of Colors Awards Luncheon, Wednesday, July 21, with guest speaker Rev. Cecil Williams, civil rights activist and pastor of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, San Francisco, CA.

▼ Samaritan College Luncheon, Thursday, July 22, with guest speaker Kenneth Smith, president of Chicago Theological Seminary since 1984. Dr. Smith is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ.

▼ Ecumenical Breakfast, Friday, July 23, with guest speakers Rev. Jane Spahr, national lesbian evangelist for the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Mr. James Bell, executive director of Interfaith Impact for Justice and Peace. ❐

Samaritan Seeks Trustees

Samaritan College is seeking qualified candidates to sit on its board of trustees.

The board is entrusted with the stewardship of Samaritan's property and assets and charged with upholding the college's educational mission.

Candidates should have the following gifts: development expertise (marketing strategy, fundraising, public relations), financial expertise (budgeting, accounting), academic expertise (structures and systems of academic institutions) and legal expertise (fiduciary issues, educational and institutional law).

For more information, persons may contact Rev. Sandra Robinson, President, Samaritan College, P.O. Box 688, Lewisville, TX 75067; phone (214) 221-7749; or Mr. Michael Dively, Chair of the Board, 1230 Seminary St., Key West, FL 33040; phone (305) 296-4055.

Two new members were appointed recently to the board of trustees: Mr. Dively and Dr. Charles Lippy. They serve along with current members Ms. Judy Dale, Rev. Elder Don Eastman, Mr. Tom Reveley, Rev. Robinson, Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson and, as consultant, Mr. Ravi Verma.

As an attorney, Mr. Dively serves on the Hiram College Board of Trustees and the board of directors for MCC Key West. He was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives for three consecutive terms and received his master's degree from American University of Michigan.

Mr. Lippy received his Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary and an master's degree and doctorate from Princeton University. He is a recognized scholar in the history of Christianity and is currently professor of religion at Clemson University in South Carolina. ❐

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PENPALS

Yugoslavian man, 23, and woman, 26, seek penpals in UFMCC. Write to: Godinić Branislav or Todosijević Jelica, poste restante, 11 000 Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

GOOD BODY, almost 21, had some hard knocks, chartered, seeks partner. MCC Detroit may be the pulpit for you. Interested candidates inquire: Pastoral Search Committee, MCC Detroit, P.O. Box 836, Royal Oak, MI 48268.

HOLY CROSS MCC, Pensacola, Florida, seeks a full time Senior Pastor, a Spirit filled preacher with an evangelical calling and dedicated to Christian Social Action. Write, giving your qualifications, vision for the future and salary requirements to: Pulpit Committee, 415 North Alcaniz Street, Pensacola, Florida 32501. E-Mail FLPastor@aol.com

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MCC Asheville seeks pastor with preaching and teaching skills to enable ministry of gifted laity. Write: PSC, MCC Asheville, PO Box 25278, Asheville, NC 28813.

MCC Augusta, GA, a committed, Commissioned church, seeks a pastor to help us grow. Write: Pastoral Search, MCC Augusta, 609 Shartom Dr., Augusta, GA 30907.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The first alternative lifestyle retirement home for men and women will open in Sarasota in the Fall of 1993. For information write to: Palms of Sarasota, PO Box 35211, Sarasota, FL 34242.